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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Executive Director

SUBJECT: PFIAB Study on the Post-INF Environment

1. Gary Schmitt, Director of the PFIAB Staff, notified this office last week that the PFIAB had commissioned the staff to conduct two studies: Intelligence Community analysis of Cuba as a military threat, and the post-INF environment in Europe. The Staff is also looking at INF verification as another potential issue to study.

2. Individual Board members and staffers are already at work on the subject. Johnnie Foster and Cap Weinberger (the newest Board member) are scheduled to meet with Larry Gershwin and [redacted] Thursday morning to obtain their views on the post-INF balance of forces in Europe and on potential CI problems associated with the proposed INF on-site inspection regime.

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3. I learned from Barry Kelly today that the NSC Staff is concerned about the possible effects of a PFIAB study on INF at a time when the Administration will be trying to guide the INF Treaty through the ratification process. It's really not out problem, but I wonder why the President's own advisory board is pursuing a study likely to undermine the President's program? Should we be cooperating with this PFIAB effort?

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